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## RIOT IN CHARLOTTE CAUSES THREE DEATHS

Four Companies State Troops Ordered to Charlotte by the Adjutant General.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 26.—Reports coming to police headquarters early this morning that a large force of outsiders, comprising numbers of railway workers bent upon atoning for the death of Engineer Houston in last night's rioting was on its way to Charlotte, started speedy action this morning to combat further attempts of organized violence. Two companies of state troops are already on the streets and hundreds of citizens were deputized this morning by Mayor McNinch and given shot guns for patrol duty. The thirty regular police officers who have been continuously on duty since early Monday morning are being relieved by citizen policemen. Other troops have been asked for.

The results of last night's rioting at the car barns of the Southern Public Utilities Company when strike-breakers and police officers exchanged shots with a mob numbering more than 2,000 stood this morning as follows:

The dead: Pat Hinson, Walter E. Pope, formerly of Concord, N. C. but employed at Charlotte for the last three weeks; Caldwell Houston, Southern Railway engineer.

The wounded: V. A. Kincaid, painful injuries in face and arm; Will Hammond, shot through throat spinal cord paralyzed, expected to die any moment; Tim Head, of Huntersville, two shots in chest, expected to die; Aldrich buckshot wounds in abdomen, considered very serious; A. T. Baker, Elizabeth Mills, shot in chest considered very serious; Clem Wilson, slight face wounds; H. N. Seaman, shot in abdomen, condition serious; Everett Raymond shot three times in arm and leg; George Smith, shot in back with buckshot; Lewis Wilson, weaver, North Charlotte shot in back with buckshot; D. M. Miller, shot through large bone in thigh; Walter Yandle, shot with rifle in both legs, injury painful but not serious; Robie Stuart, shot in thigh.

None of the police officers or those guarding the car barns were injured.

The street car company did not start cars on the street early this morning but announced that they would be operated during the day under strong guard.

At 1 o'clock today it was given out at the city hall that no investigations into last night's trouble would be started until order had been restored. Street car officials also stated that no attempt would be made to run cars until complete order had been restored. A company of militia from Winston-Salem arrived at 12:30 adding strength to the already three companies here from Statesville, Lenoir and Lexington. Rumors earlier in the day that members of the railroad brotherhood would storm the city tonight for purpose of atoning for the death of Caldwell Houston, engineer on the Southern, who was killed last night could not be confirmed.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 26.—In a stormy session of citizens here today the committee report of a committee of three, in conjunction with the city officials, who made recommendations in regard to settlement of terms with street car strikers and Public Utilities Company, given out Saturday night, was repudiated. In resolutions passed the fifth clause contained "that notwithstanding the fact that this sub-committee was within what it deemed to be its rights in so doing, nevertheless, the citizens committee finds itself unable to agree with these recommendations." The committee of three had recommended that the Public Utilities Company recognize the Amalgamated Union of Street Car Employees and meet the demands of striking car men.

Raleigh, N. C., August 26.—Four companies of state troops were ordered today by Adjutant General Royster to proceed immediately to Charlotte where disorders in connection with a strike of street railway motormen and conductors resulted last night in the death of at least two persons and the injury of a dozen others.

The troops were ordered to Charlotte at the request of the mayor of that city. Companies ordered on duty are stationed at Winston-Salem, Statesville, Lexington and Lincolnton.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. A. H. Breedin has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Fischer of Charleston.

Mrs. D. Hirschmann and daughters Misses Rounette and Pearl, are spending several days at Sullivan's Island.

Mr. Hugh Plowden returned home last week from Kentucky where he purchased a pack of fine deer hounds.

Miss Mary Johnson has returned home after a month's stay with friends in Spartanburg and Greenville.

Mrs. J. D. Surles has returned home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loric in Columbia.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson and little Emily Lucile Johnson of Sumter are guests of Miss Lucy Johnson.

Miss Lucy Johnson has returned home after a two weeks stay at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Died last Wednesday at his home about nine miles East of Manning, Mr. David Johnson. The deceased had been in ill health several months.

Mrs. Thos. Nimmer and Miss Marguerite Nimmer left Thursday morning for a two weeks stay at Glenn Springs.

Mrs. A. Forest Fowler and little daughter, Elizabeth Caroline of Columbia is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alsbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ewart of Goldsboro, N. C., returned home Tuesday after an extended visit to Mrs. Ewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Johnson.

Miss Gertrude Hailey of Manning left Sunday morning for Asheville, N. C. where she will spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Timmons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Barron returned home last night from the mountains where they have been camping for several weeks.

The land sale Friday of the I. V. Plowden lands will draw a large crowd as this is very desirable property, and too, there will be free prizes and a big barbecue dinner.

The Young People of the Baptist church enjoyed a social given by the members of the Baptist Young People's Union at the church Thursday evening.

B. B. Breedin has returned from a visit to his brother, Dr. C. S. Breedin in Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon in Blackstock. Mrs. Breedin will return at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis have as their house guests this week, Mrs. T. B. Haynesworth, Misses Belva, Louise and Clara Haynesworth and Baker Haynesworth of Florence.

E. R. Wells, of the postoffice force, force left Sunday morning for Charlotte to visit at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wells. From there he expects to go to Hendersonville for a short stay before returning home.

Miss Elizabeth Kellett who has been the attractive guest of Miss Leonora Johnson has returned to her home in Fountain Inn. During her visit she was the recipient of much social attention.

Work has commenced on the streets preparatory to paving. The construction company has contracted with the town to make the water and sewer connections, and then they will start putting down the asphalt.

Mr. S. I. Harvin has bought a part of the lot where Judge Wilson's office is and will erect a filling station on it. Judge Wilson sold all of this property to Mr. Jas. S. Dickson, who sold a 30 foot frontage to Mr. Harvin.

The September meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Monday afternoon, September 1 at the home of Mrs. J. E. Davis, at 5:30 o'clock. This is annual election of officers and every member is requested to be present. Mrs. C. N. Sprott, Mrs. C. R. Sprott and Mrs. W. S. Plowden will serve with Mrs. Davis as hostesses.

In conversation with a gentleman from St Matthews last week he told us that it was the opinion of the people in Calhoun county that Manning was the best tobacco market in the State, and while there is very little tobacco planted there this year, he thought a great many would plant it another season and as they did not have a warehouse, it would be shipped here.

Miss Leonora Johnson entertained a few friends at a "rook party" Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. H. B. Ewart of Goldsboro, N. C., and Miss Elizabeth Kellett of Fountain Inn who are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Johnson. After the games a delicious ice course was served. The guests included Miss Elizabeth Kellett and Mrs. H. B. Ewart, Misses Alice Rigby, Alice Wilson, Bessie Dickson, Barnwell Huggins, Rounette Hirschmann, Isabel Thomas, Tora Bagnal, Emily Geiger, Ruby McIlwain, Fannie Bradham, Fannie Lou Sauls, and Mrs. Cary Smith.

## PAXVILLE NEWS NOTES

Miss Pearl Broadway leaves Friday for Heath Springs where she will teach this session. She has a position in the high school department.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Barwick moved to Sumter last week, where they will make their home. Mr. Harry Pritchard of the Privateer section will move into the house vacated by them.

Messrs. H. C. Curtis and J. G. Dinkins of Manning spent the week end at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

The new livery stables owned by the Reynolds Bros. opened up on Monday morning.

Mrs. J. W. Mims, Jr., at her home on last Saturday afternoon between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock gave a birthday party to her 5 year old daughter, Miss Annie Ruth Mims. There were present about two dozen little girls of about the age of Annie Ruth who celebrated the day. They played games and had a good time generally, but not the least enjoyable part of the afternoon was when the hostess served ice cream and cake to the entire satisfaction of all the little folks. They all united in hoping that Annie Ruth will have many more such birthday parties.

## WE MUST BUILD A HOTEL

To the Citizens of Manning:

In a few months Manning will be without a hotel, unless the citizens of the town take more interest in the Board of Trade's effort to get a building in keeping with the new life of the town. We needn't call to your attention what a calamity this would be, when you recall how difficult it was, with the hotel facilities we now have, to accommodate the tobacco buyers and their help this season. You can't expect these men to put up year in and year out with all kinds of discomfort to furnish a market from which you get a large part of your living.

The Committee charged with getting subscriptions to build a first class hotel is ready to make its report to a mass meeting of the citizens on next Friday evening, August 29th, at the Court House, at 8:30 p. m.

Not a business man of the town, nor any one who is dependent upon others for a place to stay, should absent himself from the meeting. If he does, and your town is given a black eye at the beginning of its upward movement, don't hereafter blame the Board of Trade's Committee on New Enterprises.

## COTTON MEETING

A meeting, in the interest of organizing the farmers, bankers and business men of the County under the American Cotton Association to fight the enemies of cotton, was held in the Court House August 22nd. A representative number of farmers and business men listened to an excellent address by Mr. Guion of Lugoff, S. C., a large farmer and live stock man, as he presented the objects and aims of the Association. Others spoke of the absolute necessity of the farmers standing squarely behind this effort, and from the questions asked, the deep interest of the farmers was shown.

In every township in the County on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Township Committees will wait on every farmer to secure his application for membership in the Association. The little hazatelle he will pay to carry on the work will be returned to him a hundred times over in increased prices for this cotton.

If a single white farmer of the County stays out of the Association, he is simply playing into the hands of his enemies. Pull back now and this paper won't have any sympathy for you when you whine about low prices for cotton.

## FARMERS! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE TRIP?

A trip that will be pleasant, educational and profitable. When and to where? Why on next Tuesday, Sept. 2nd to Cartersville, to see an up-to-date, sanitary and profitable hog farm. Mr. Geo. Palmer is going to have a sale of Duroc Hogs, all registered, and some of the best hogs you ever saw. Now I do not want you to go thinking you have to buy hogs. You don't. The main reason I want you to go is to see how Mr. Palmer raises nearly 500 hogs on 120 acres and grows most of the feed for them. With the near approach of the boll weevil it will be an object lesson to all and will show you a way of making money and without planting all your land in cotton. A number of men are going from this county, you will meet a lot of hog men there who are successfully raising hogs, and as I told you before, meet a lot of real hogs that make quick, cheap gains.

Crank up your jitney next Tuesday morning about 7 or 8 o'clock and ramble over to Cartersville. I will be there and will be glad to help show you around and see how it is done.

A. M. MUSSER,  
County Agent.

## CLAIM COAL PRICES LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

Vice-President of National Coal Association Says Combination Impossible. Denies Charges That Any Attempt is Made to Fix Prices of Bituminous Coal.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Denying that a combination among bituminous coal operators to fix prices exists, J. B. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association, told a senate coal investigating committee today that such a combination would be impossible if attempted. Prices at the mines, he said, have declined under the competition which prevails and are lower than they were a year ago.

"There are about 5,000 separate commercial producers operating approximately 7,000 mines, from which bituminous coal is regularly shipped," Mr. Morrow said. "In addition, there are some 2,000 operators with about 3,000 mines, who begin producing and selling coal whenever the price goes up a little and offer a profit to them. Moreover, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of coal lands along railroads on which new mines can be readily and quickly opened by any one so disposed. Such a condition of strict combinations among producers.

"Of the 5,000 separate bituminous coal producers in the United States, 2,294 approximately 45 per cent, hold membership in the National Coal Association. They produce about 60 per cent of the total output of bituminous coal in the country.

"Charges that the National Coal Association is a combination to maintain prices are without foundation in fact.

"The National Coal Association represents these operators and looks after their interests on matters of general concern, such as transportation standardization of cost accounting co-operation with governmental agencies and similar activities. There is nothing secret about the business. It files and records are open to the committee or any other duly authorized agency of the government at any time."

Mr. Morrow said bituminous coal prices had declined since the armistice, and in general were lower than the prices fixed by the fuel administration.

"These fuel administration prices were intended to prevent the charging of undue prices for bituminous coal and to limit the profits which the mine operators might make," he said. At the same time they included profits.

"The cost of producing bituminous coal is higher now than it was a year ago, due to the fact that the mines then were operating six days a week and in many cases are now operating only four days a week and in some cases only three days a week. The overhead expenses of maintaining mines go on just the same whether coal is produced or not. When these increased costs are considered in connection with the general decrease in prices, it is clear that profits of bituminous coal operators are materially less than a year ago."

Washington, Aug. 26.—Nationalization of coal mines is sought by many mine workers and a bill to that end has been prepared, Harry N. Taylor, president of the National Coal Association, testified today before a senate committee investigating the coal situation.

The plan is for the government to buy the mines and turn them over to the men for operation. Mr. Taylor said. Already many of the miners are demanding a six hour day and a five day week he added.

C. W. Wells of Manning has arrived in Laurens to take up the work as government cotton grader at this point. Mr. Wells has been in the government service for a number of years and he is well equipped for the work of cotton classifier. He will at once arrange for opening an office and getting matters shaped for the opening of the cotton season. The government agents or cotton grader for Laurens has been secured through the efforts of the county agent, the Chamber of Commerce and Senator Dial. For several seasons there has been a demand for an expert classifier of the staple and now that effort has materialized there is a feeling of gratification on the part of the farmers and business men of the city and county generally.—Laurens Advertiser.

## COTTON FAMINE NOW IN SIGHT

Condition Report About 60 Per Cent This Means About 10 Million Bales.

Hold your cotton, and market just as slow as you can. Join the cotton association and help put the price up to its value, in union there is strength. The MAN that stands back now and waits for the other fellow to win the fight is a slacker.

We need everybody in the fight. The Bankers, Lawyers, Doctors, Clerks Merchants, in fact, every man, because the prosperity of the farmer means the prosperity of all.

We know that the crop will be the shortest in years. The plant is shedding all over the county, the rain has caused the plant to become diseased and it is poorly fruited, and then add to that the ever increasing ravages of the boll weevil, and boll worm. We need the help of the cotton association to keep us informed as to all these conditions, and enable us to co-operate with each other, and secure the value of our products.

Don't fail to sign up, and let the spinners and speculators know that we are on the job, and can take care of ourselves.

## SAYS RATES MUST GO UP 25 PER CENT

Howard Elliott Declares Some Roads Are Not Earning Guaranteed Compensation.

Washington, Aug. 25.—A 25 per cent increase in railroad rates must follow return of the railroads to private ownership, Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railroad told the House interstate commerce committee today. This estimate, he added, was made on the assumption that there would be no more wage increases or advances in material costs. "Would 25 per cent increase solve the problem for the whole country?" asked Representative Sims Democrat, of Tennessee.

"I think it would," responded Mr. Elliott, adding that he preferred the rate increase to the continued payment of the government guaranteed compensation. New England roads, he asserted, were in bad shape and were not earning the government guaranteed compensation.

Asked if a 25 per cent increase of rates would hamper business or increase the cost of living, Mr. Elliott replied that the effect in his opinion had been exaggerated, but he did not want to give the impression that it would have no effect on living cost generally.

In advocating wage legislation, Mr. Elliott said "let the wives of the men vote on the strike; they are the most affected." The great majority of railroad employees, he said, did not want a strike and he urged some legislation for the adjustment of disputes. He suggested that labor unions be required to incorporate and file reports like business corporations and that employees be compelled to serve notice before quitting work.

Alba B. Johnson, of Philadelphia, former president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, urged the preservation of the Interstate Commerce Commission as a judicial body. He appeared before the committee as spokesman of the Railway Business Association, an organization of manufacturers of railway supplies.

Mr. Johnson advocated creation of a federal transportation board to certify to the commission the amount of revenue necessary in the public interest. He predicted that if authority over that amount of revenue were left to the commission, it would bring on government ownership in ten years, if not in five.

## SNOWFALL IN ALABAMA WHILE SUN IS SHINING

Hornell, Ala., Aug. 26.—Although the sun was shining, snow fell for five minutes today, melting as rapidly as it struck the ground.

There will be a Script dance at Pinewood Thursday night, August 28th from 10 to 2 o'clock.

Tobacco brought as high as 80 cents a pound in Manning this week. One pile of over 500 pounds sold for that amount.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Abrams and family motored over to Kingstree Sunday.

Miss Ida Goldstein of Atlanta, Ga. is the guest of Mrs. S. Katzoff and Mrs. A. Abrams.

## WAR DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN STORES

Many Articles to Be Offered Public at Retail.

## PRICES WILL BE FEATURE

Underwear, Shirts, Raincoats, Blankets, Soap and Tobacco to Be Included.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Further steps to bring down soaring prices were taken today by the government, the War Department announcing plans for opening retail stores in a number of cities through which surplus household commodities and clothing will be made available to consumers throughout the country.

Meantime Congressional committees continued consideration of legislation designed to reduce the high cost of living. This included amendment to the food control act to punish profiteering and hoarding; bills to regulate cold storage and appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission to investigate stocks and give the information to the public.

Through the retail stores to be opened by the War Department the army's large surplus stocks of socks, underwear, shirts, raincoats, blankets, gloves, tobacco, soap and other household commodities will be sold. Consumers in the large cities, where the stores will be operated, will be able to purchase over the counter, but the stocks also will be made available to persons in other communities through the parcel post.

## Preparing Price Lists.

Price lists are being prepared and these will be furnished to all post-offices for the convenience of the public. While no announcement has yet been made, it is expected that the prices, like those of the foodstuffs now being disposed of, will be considerably below the prevailing market.

Present plans are to open stores in the fourteen zone supply centers and it is expected that in those sections of the country in which large areas are embraced in zone boundaries additional cities will be selected as sale centers.

In considering legislation for regulating cold storage, the House agricultural committee heard several witnesses. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, formerly chief of the bureau of chemistry, told the committee the storage of products should not be uniform, but should depend on the food stored. Fish and eggs, he said, could not be stored without material deterioration, while meat and other foods were improved by storage.

## Apple Man on Stand

R. S. French, representing the International Apple Growers' Association, while not opposed to the suggested limit of twelve months for storage of foodstuffs, said protection would be stifled if fruits and vegetables could not be returned to storage if they became a drag on the market.

Testimony regarding profiteering and hoarding in many of the basic industries was given to the House appropriations committee, which was considering appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission. Commissioners William B. Ciover and Victor Marlock were witnesses.

Mr. Ciover told of numerous resales of the 1919 vegetable crop, which is not yet completed, and said many of these were made for speculative purposes. He suggested that this condition be corrected by enactment of appropriate legislation.

## DENIES AID TO DYING WIFE

Rome, Ga., Aug. 24.—Because he was reported to have refused medical aid for his wife and daughter, the former fatally injured in an automobile accident near Cartersville, L. A. Kurkendall has been arrested on recommendation of the coroner's jury following the woman's death here.

Kurkendall and his family were en route to Acworth from Heber Springs Ark., to visit relatives when their automobile overturned near Cartersville pinning Mrs. Kurkendall beneath it and inflicting fatal injuries. Physicians sent to the scene offered medical aid, but this was refused, it is said, Kurkendall declaring the family's religious faith did not permit them to accept the proffered aid. Kurkendall was released on bond.